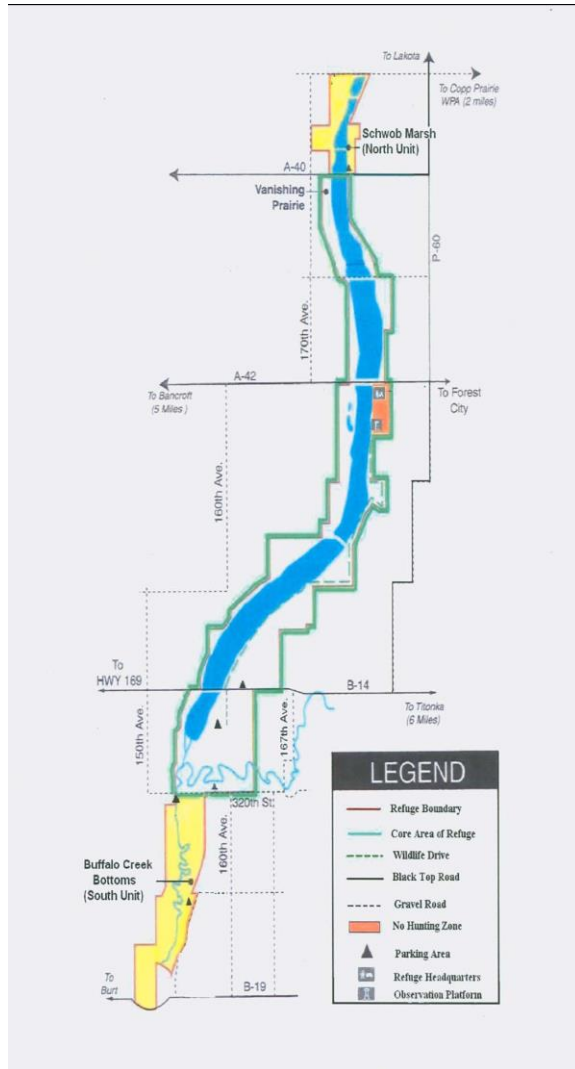
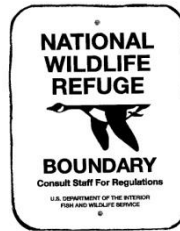


## Refuge Map



## Refuge Signs



Refuge Boundary: Consult staff for current regulations before entering.



All public entry is prohibited beyond this sign.



The area behind this sign is closed to all hunting.



The area behind this sign is open to all hunting, fishing, and trapping as prescribed by State Law.

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## Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations and Map



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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:00pm

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previously dated leaflets.**

This leaflet is a summary of those authorized and prohibited activities on Union Slough NWR pertaining to hunting. All other activities are prohibited unless specifically authorized by a special use permit. A complete list of regulations pertaining to the use of National Wildlife Refuges can be found in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 25-32.

## General Regulations

**Artificial Lights:** The use of artificial lights, including auto head lights, for the purpose of locating wildlife is prohibited.

**Boats:** Boats, canoes or other floating devices are allowed for migratory bird hunting only. We allow electric motors only. We prohibit the use of air-thrust boats. You may not leave boats unattended.

**Camping:** Camping or other overnight use is prohibited.

**Disturbance:** Disturbing, injuring, destroying, collecting, or attempting to disturb, injure, destroy, or collect any plant or animal is prohibited. However, hunting is allowed as outlined in this leaflet.

**Dogs:** All dogs not used for hunting must be confined to a vehicle at all times. Training of dogs is not allowed.

**Firearms and Other Weapons:** Target shooting is prohibited.

**Fires:** All fires are prohibited.

**Introduction of Plants and Animals:** Plants and animals or their parts taken elsewhere shall not be introduced, liberated, or placed on any part of the refuge.

**Vehicles:** Motorized vehicles are permitted in parking areas and in field entrances only. Vehicles and operators must be properly licensed. No off road

vehicle use is allowed. Use of All Terrain Vehicles, snowmobiles, etc. is prohibited at all times.

## Hunting Regulations

**General:** We allow hunting subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field, including shot shells used for wild turkey.
2. We allow the use of hunting dogs provided that the dogs remain under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.
3. We prohibit entry into any closed area to retrieve downed game, unless the hunter has received written permission from the refuge manager.
4. We prohibit hunting on road rights-of-way on any portion of the refuge not open to hunting. The road right-of-way extends to the center of the road.
5. You may construct and use temporary blinds, stands, platforms, scaffolds, ladders, etc. using manmade materials or natural vegetation found on the refuge. We prohibit bringing plants or their parts onto the refuge.
6. You must remove all decoys, stands, blinds, platforms, ladders, boats, other floating devices, and all other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day - **EXCEPT STANDS USED FOR DEER HUNTING – SEE BIG GAME HUNTING SECTION.**

**Migratory Game Bird Hunting:** We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, rail (Virginia and sora only), woodcock, and snipe on the Buffalo Creek Bottoms and Schwob Marsh units of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition:

1. We allow hunters on the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

**Upland Game Hunting:** We allow hunting of pheasant, gray partridge, cottontail rabbit, squirrel (fox and gray), groundhog, raccoon, opossum, fox, coyote, and crow on Buffalo Creek Bottoms and Schwob Marsh, and in the Core Area in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The Core Area is closed to all hunting except pheasant and gray partridge hunting is allowed in the Core Area during the last 5 days of the State established pheasant hunting season.
2. Hunters may only enter the refuge from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm.
3. We prohibit the possession of shotgun slugs.

**Big Game Hunting:** We allow hunting of deer and turkey on Buffalo Creek Bottoms and Schwob Marsh of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow deer and turkey hunters to enter the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.
2. Deer hunters may possess only shot shells that shoot a single projectile (i.e. slugs).
3. We prohibit deer and turkey hunting in the Core Area at all times.
4. We allow portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms to be left on the refuge from 7 days prior to the first deer hunting season; they must be removed prior to 7 days following the last deer hunting season. Turkey hunters must remove blinds and stands each day.
5. You must label portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms with your name, address and phone number if left unattended. The label must be legible from the ground.